

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:15 CR 85-11**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Vs.)	ORDER
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MIRANDA NATIONS.)	
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_____)	

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard before the undersigned at the close of a Rule 11 and plea proceeding that was held before this Court on August 22, 2016. It appeared to the Court at the call of this matter on for hearing the Defendant was present with her attorney, J. Frank Lay, II and the Government was present and represented through AUSA Richard Edwards. From the arguments of counsel for Defendant and the arguments of the Assistant United States Attorney and the records in this cause, the Court makes the following findings:

Findings. On September 15, 2015 a bill of indictment (#1) was issued charging the Defendant with conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. In an additional count, Defendant was charged with possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). On August 22, 2016 the undersigned held an inquiry, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal

Rules of Criminal Procedure, and accepted a plea of guilty of the Defendant to the charge of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and contained in count one of the bill of indictment. At the end of the Rule 11 proceeding, this Court presented the issue of whether or not Defendant should now be detained, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2).

Discussion. 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) provides as follows:

(2) The judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (f)(1) of section 3142 and is awaiting imposition or execution of sentence be detained unless ----

(A)(i) the judicial officer finds there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or

(ii) an attorney for the Government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed on the person; or

(B) the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community.

From an examination of the records in this cause, it appears Defendant has entered a plea of guilty to 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). That crime is one of the crimes that is referenced under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(C).

The undersigned made an inquiry of AUSA Richard Edwards as to whether or not there will be a recommendation that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon Defendant. Mr. Edwards advised the Court that such a recommendation could

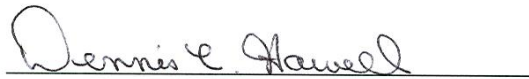
not be made in this matter. Due to the plea of guilty, the undersigned cannot find there is a likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted.

It would thus appear, and the Court is of the opinion that the Court is required to apply the factors as set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) which mandate the detention of Defendant.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the terms and conditions of pretrial release in this matter are hereby revoked and it is **ORDERED** that the Defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: August 24, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis L. Howell", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis L. Howell
United States Magistrate Judge

